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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing a James L. Oberstar Memorial Bikeway;
1.3 modifying provisions governing state bikeways; making technical changes;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.266, subdivisions 2, 3, by
1.5 adding subdivisions.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.266, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Creation.** The commissioner, in cooperation with road and trail authorities
1.9 including the commissioner of natural resources, shall identify ~~a bikeway that originates at~~
1.10 ~~Itasca State Park in Clearwater, Beltrami, and Hubbard Counties, then generally parallels~~
1.11 ~~the Mississippi River through the cities of Bemidji in Beltrami County, Grand Rapids in~~
1.12 ~~Itasca County, Brainerd in Crow Wing County, Little Falls in Morrison County, Sauk~~
1.13 ~~Rapids in Benton County, St. Cloud in Stearns County, Minneapolis in Hennepin County,~~
1.14 ~~St. Paul in Ramsey County, Hastings in Dakota County, Red Wing in Goodhue County,~~
1.15 ~~Wabasha in Wabasha County, Winona in Winona County, and La Crescent in Houston~~
1.16 ~~County to Minnesota's boundary with Iowa and there terminates. Where opportunities~~
1.17 ~~exist, the bikeway may be designated on both sides of the Mississippi River~~ state bikeways.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.266, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.19 Subd. 3. **Connections with other bikeways.** (a) The commissioner, in cooperation
1.20 with road and trail authorities including the commissioner of natural resources, shall:
1.21 (1) identify existing bikeways of regional significance that are in reasonable proximity
1.22 but not connected to the ~~bikeway~~ bikeways established ~~in~~ under this section, ~~including but~~
1.23 ~~not limited to the Lake Wobegon Trail in the counties of Stearns and Todd; and~~

(2) support development of linkages between bikeways ~~identified under clause (1)~~
~~and the bikeway established in~~ under this section.

(b) The requirements of this subdivision are a secondary priority for use of funds
available under this section following establishment and enhancement of the ~~bikeway~~
bikeways under subdivision 1 this section.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.266, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 6. **Mississippi River Trail.** The Mississippi River Trail bikeway shall
originate at Itasca State Park in Clearwater, Beltrami, and Hubbard Counties, then generally
parallel the Mississippi River through the cities of Bemidji in Beltrami County, Grand
Rapids in Itasca County, Brainerd in Crow Wing County, Little Falls in Morrison County,
Sauk Rapids in Benton County, St. Cloud in Stearns County, Minneapolis in Hennepin
County, St. Paul in Ramsey County, Hastings in Dakota County, Red Wing in Goodhue
County, Wabasha in Wabasha County, Winona in Winona County, and La Crescent
in Houston County to Minnesota's boundary with Iowa and there terminate. Where
opportunities exist, the bikeway may be designated on both sides of the Mississippi River.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.266, is amended by adding a subdivision
to read:

Subd. 7. **James L. Oberstar Memorial Bikeway.** The James L. Oberstar Memorial
Bikeway shall originate in the city of St. Paul in Ramsey County, then proceed north
through the cities of North Branch in Chisago County, Hinckley in Pine County, Carlton in
Carlton County, Duluth in St. Louis County, Two Harbors in Lake County, and Grand
Marais in Cook County to Minnesota's boundary with Canada and there terminate.